

PATENT

Applicant: Swanson

Serial No.: 10/727,096

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Title: Surgical Methods And
Apparatus For Stimulating Tissue

Group Art Unit: 3739

Examiner: Roane

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests Continued Examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 4, 2006
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☐ The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0638
 - i. ☐ RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ A credit card charge authorization in the amount of \$790 is accompanying the filing of this paper.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

May 27, 2006
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